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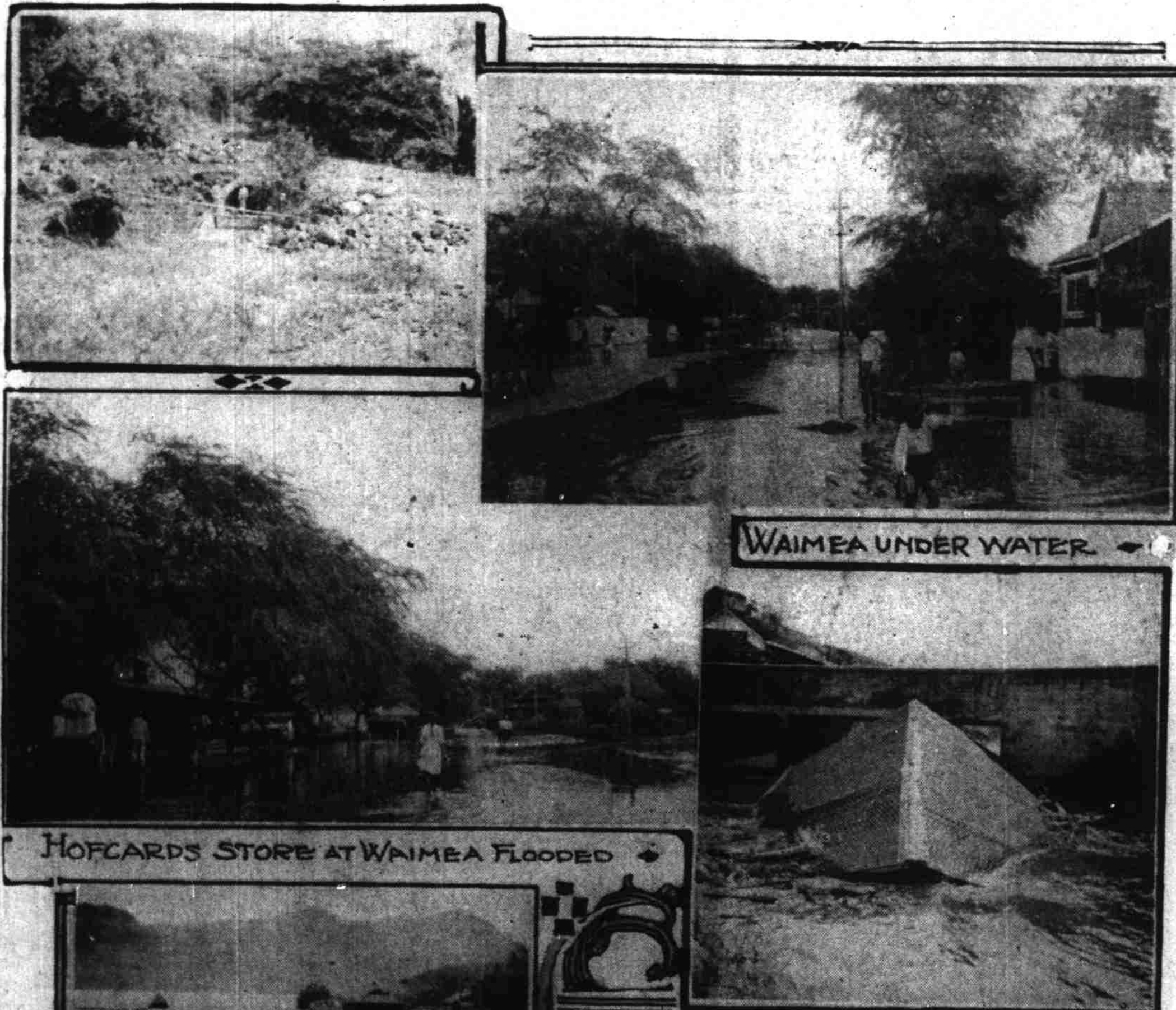
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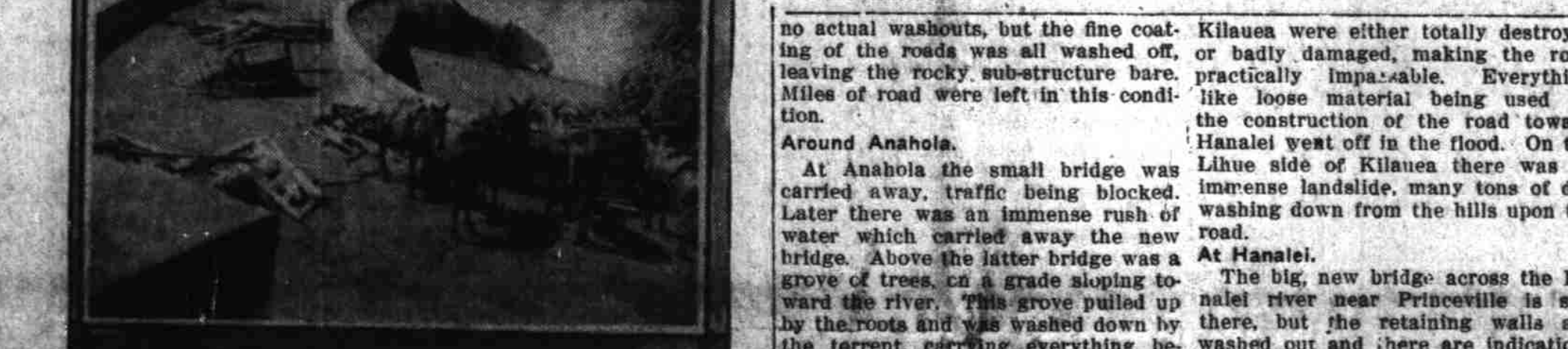
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GARDEN ISLAND SUFFERS GREATLY FROM FLOODS



Havoc wrought by great flood on Garden Island. Lower picture shows washout at Nawiliwili, where 250 feet of the road was carried away by the waters.



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by the excessive rainfall at most points on Kauai, young cane being retarded several weeks or months in its growth, while the juice of December cane will undoubtedly be much impaired. Of course something has been saved in the matter of irrigation, but that will be more than offset in juice depreciation.

After four days of heavy, intermittent showers, an unusually severe rain storm broke over the entire eastern and southern sides of Kauai early Saturday morning, which concluded in the evening with a flood, the like of which has seldom been experienced on this island. From about 7 o'clock in the evening to nearly 11 the water literally poured down, flooding the entire country, making rivers of small streams and turning low places into lakes.

Victims of Flood
There were three human victims of the flood. The first, a Japanese named Shikuma, keeper of G. N. Wilcox's bathhouse, was killed by a live wire which had fallen into the street at Nawiliwili. The other two were Chinese boys, who were caught in the flood at Anahola.

They were named Yulung Ching, aged 13, and You Tong Ching, aged 4. When the flood came down, their father's house began to give way and the family left it hurriedly. The father carried a trunk and one child, and the mother two children, while the eldest boy took charge of his young brother. When outside the torrent struck them and the two boys were swept away. Their cries could be heard, but it was pitch dark and a blinding rain was falling. The bodies were found in a rice patch below the bridge.

The Storm's Beginning
Rain had been falling every day for a week or more, but on Wednesday its severity greatly increased.

Saturday morning at the regular reading hour the rain gauge of the Lihue plantation showed only .60 of an inch. Then the real rain began. At 4:30 that afternoon the gauge showed 4.10 inches. About 7 o'clock the flood started. Sunday morning the Lihue gauge showed 10.45 inches, making almost 15 inches for the twenty-four hours, and a total of 19 inches since the preceding Wednesday.

It will be several days before the actual losses to Lihue plantation will be known. The reservoir above Wailua, holding from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 gallons, was washed out and will have to be rebuilt. Flumes in numerous places were broken and washed out.

Probably the heaviest damage was the sweeping out of about 130 acres of young cane on the hillside north of the hospital. From the look of things it is doubtful if the field can be placed in condition again, unless at very great expense. The destroyed field runs for about two miles along the slopes of the hills, and is three to four hundred yards wide.

Manager Weber states that the rain fall was the heaviest in the history of

the plantation. All of the flumes and other schemes of the estate had been planned and constructed to stand much heavier strain than the highest previous rain record, explained Mr. Weber, but the flood of Saturday night was something far beyond any calculations.

An Unfringed Flood.
The flood around Lihue and Nawiliwili had no such thrilling frills as thunder and lightning and wind. At Kilauea, however, there was lightning and heavy thunder.

Mill Gets It First.
The neighborhood of the Lihue mill was the first to feel the effects of the downpour. In an hour after the start the stream at that point was filled to capacity, and later the valley was flooded, the mill itself standing in a lake of water. From there the torrent swept on down through Lihue until Nawiliwili was reached.

At Nawiliwili.
Near the bank of the stream at Nawiliwili stood the carriage house of C. W. Spitz and the barn of A. Fukushima, the liveryman. Both of these structures were washed away. The smashed houses banking up against the Nawiliwili bridge. These houses and an enormous lot of other debris blocked the channel under the bridge. A short time later the water cut a path for itself 100 feet wide and 20 feet deep in a straight line to the sea, carrying away a section of hard macadam road at least 100 feet wide.

The Immediate Losses.
The heaviest loss probably fell upon C. W. Spitz, whose carriage house was swept out. Three horses went out with the flood, but landed alive on the beach. Three wagons, harness, feedstuff, stable equipment, etc., were a total loss.

Fukushima lost his livery stables, a wagon and a buggy, besides a lot of equipment, feedstuffs, etc. The Hamano store, the largest general merchandise establishment in the town, suffered a loss of about \$1000. The store of Mr. Spitz was flooded two feet, and considerable damage done to goods and equipment.

Reservoirs Held.
The Lihue plantation reservoir near the hospital overflowed and a great stream of water poured over its banks, but the dam held. However, it became necessary to cut the feeding flumes toward the mountains.

Railway Track Wrecked.
About 2000 feet of railway track on the main line at Hanalei was washed out.

Houses Are Flooded.
Very few houses in Lihue, Nawiliwili and the country round failed of being flooded. Even the newer parts of the Hotel Fairview came in for a drenching. Water crept through the sides of the Garden Island windows, flooded the shop and damaged job stock on the floors.

Fine Roads Damaged.
The fine roads around Lihue, which were in the pink of condition, were considerably damaged. There were

no actual washouts, but the fine coating of the roads was all washed off, leaving the rocky sub-structure bare. Miles of road were left in this condition.

Around Anahola.

At Anahola the small bridge was carried away, traffic being blocked. Later there was an immense rush of water which carried away the new bridge. Above the latter bridge was a grove of trees, on a grade sloping toward the river. This grove pulled up by the roots and was washed down by the torrent, carrying everything before it. The entire bridge and its stone foundations were wiped away. The bridge had a span of 60 feet and in the center was a trestle 50 feet. Only recently the bridge was raised three feet to conform to the new road grade, and it was regarded as being very substantial.

The heavy rain at Kilauea was preceded by thunder and lightning. There was no wind, it was believed during the night that Kilauea was hard hit, but not much damage was done there. About the same report was made from Hanalei.

The crop of rice around Nawiliwili

is ruined and the loss will run into big money. The rain gauge at the Rice ranch, Huleia, showed a fall of 14 inches, which was really slightly in excess of that at Lihue; but on account of the country being sparsely settled and localities less exposed, the damage, other than to crops, was small.

Kilauea Has a Washer.

At Kilauea there was a fall of 18 inches, the highest on record there in the same length of time. Quite serious damage was done to reservoirs, flumes and irrigation ditches, while several hundred acres of cane were submerged and will doubtless be considerably injured. The bridge in front of the old mill, on the road leading up to the business section of the town, was swept away. Another smaller bridge on the next street was also carried away.

A surprising feature was that no damage was done to the new Grove farm-Kilauea ditches and tunnels, which are now in course of completion.

Lawai and Homestead.
While the rain was heavy at Lawai and Homestead, the fall along the road was lighter. Side roads in this locality were rendered very bad. There was considerable land-sliding from the hills along the road.

McBryde and Elele.
McBryde, Elele, Port Allen and Hanalei were perhaps the lightest "hit" of any towns on the south side of the island, although the fall of rain there was heavy in places. Reservoirs were left running over and the surplus water was got off with difficulty, despite the capacity drainage afforded by the deep gulches and river.

Makaweli and Waimea.
Makaweli had a straight shoot of five inches of rain, none of which was needed, however. At Waimea the fall was about the same. Much of the district flooded by the river on Thursday was again covered over, but this time the water came from the clouds and not from the mountains.

Kekaha Was Flooded.
The bulk of the flood appeared to miss Waimea and to strike against the mountains back of Kekaha, where a veritable cloudburst appears to have taken place. Many sections of Kekaha plantation were like lakes, and on Sunday whole fields of cane stood in water more than a foot deep.

Fills Washed Out.
Three large and expensive fills on the road between Molokai school and

Kilauea were either totally destroyed or badly damaged, making the road practically impassable. Everything like loose material being used for the construction of the road toward Hanalei went off in the flood. On the Lihue side of Kilauea there was an immense landslide, many tons of dirt washing down from the hills upon the road.

At Hanalei.

The big, new bridge across the Hanalei river near Princeville is still there, but the retaining walls are washed out and there are indications that one of the abutments was undermined. The iron frame of the old bridge, which had been left standing when the new bridge was built, was carried away by the flood. The valley down below was flooded and the small rice planters suffered heavily. Hanalei river is said to have been higher than at any other time in its history.

At the first gulch on the Lihue side of Anahola the fill was badly damaged, but the road can be put into shape for traffic without much trouble. The accident showed, however, that the road scheme there is faulty and the wash-out will probably result in a new road line at that point.

Kapaaites Cut Road.

The people of Kapaaites rose to the occasion when they saw the water rising higher and higher around them. They struck out in the storm and cut a canal across the macadam road. This undoubtedly saved the town from greater damage. The emergency cut across the road was repaired on Monday.

At Kealia the rainfall Saturday night, in four hours, was about 13 inches, and 22 inches fell in the 48 hours back to Thursday. The bridge on the road to Colonel Spalding's house and several railway bridges, mauka were washed out. The Wapoli homestead tract was severely washed out and suffered its proportion of damage.

Kilauea Damaged \$10,000.

A conservative estimate of the property damage on Kilauea plantation is \$10,000, which does not include the damage to cane. A rain gauge on the Mahalepu section of the plantation, which is toward Lihue, showed that 18 inches fell in 18 hours, an average of an inch an hour.

The heaviest item of property loss at Kilauea was in the complete destruction of a cement intake which was recently built at a cost of about \$8000. Much of other parts of the water system was damaged. At one place a pumping station located underground was entirely filled with water and mud, and it is believed that it is completely ruined.

It is not possible now to figure the damage from flooding. Hundreds of acres of cane were left from one to two feet deep in water, and the actual loss will depend upon how soon the land can be drained.

Damaged Roads.
When all is figured out it will doubtless be found that the damage to roads, bridges and other public improvements by the storm was not less than \$20,000.

At Nawiliwili a new bridge on different lines will probably have to be constructed, one much higher and longer than at present, so that houses, horses, wagons, children and other wreckage brought down in similar floods in future may pass easily out to sea without blocking the bridge and causing the rush of waters to take a lot of valuable roadway along with it. A new bridge at Anahola will have to be built.

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